

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest--not just right-wing Republicans' interests.

David Smith, CEO of Sinclair, claims this upcoming piece about John Kerry is "news". It is not news, it is politically-biased right-wing PROPAGANDA and everybody, including you at the FCC, knows it. Michael Powell's dismissiveness of the situation, claiming first amendment rights, is appalling especially in light of the fact that Sinclair has banned its stations from showing the effects of the war in Iraq including a tribute to our fallen military; and further proves to me that we everyday Americans have lost control of the press, and in turn, the bedrock of our democratic way of life. IS THIS TRULY THE PATH YOU WANT FOR OUR GREAT COUNTRY, MICHAEL POWELL?

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.